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SUBJECT: JAPAN REACTION TO NIXON-TANAKA SUMMIT MEETING

SUMMARY: JAPANESE MEDIA ARE PROVIDING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF NIXON-TANAKA SUMMIT. EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND EMPEROR IS RECEIVING INITIAL EMPHASIS. OTHER THAN STANDARD LEFTIST DENUNCIATIONS, THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY COMMENT FROM PUBLIC FIGURES. END SUMMARY

1. JAPANESE RADIO AND TV NEWS PROGRAMS HAVE GIVEN FIRST-LEAD COVERAGE TO NIXON-TANAKA SUMMIT MEETING. PRESS HAS ALSO GIVEN EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE PLAY TO REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS. REPORTING HAS DEALT WITH ALL ASPECTS OF TANAKA VISIT, FEATURING JULY 31 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, EXPECTED CONTENTS OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE (SEPTTEL) AND SUCH PERIPHERAL ACTIVITIES AS CONGRESSIONAL VISIT AND WREATH-LAYING AT ARLINGTON.

2. WITH WIDE RANGE TOPICS UNDER CONSIDERATION, CLEAR-CUT FOCUS OF INTEREST NOT YET APPARENT. INTIAL ATTENTION-GETTER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN

PRESIDENT AND EMPEROR. OTHER MATTERS WHICH STAND OUT IN TERMS OF COVERAGE ARE: QTE NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER CONCEPT, UNQTE US-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP, FUTURE US-JAPAN RELATIONS WITH USSR AND CHINA AND QUESTION OF POSSIBLE US REQUEST FOR INDIRECT MILITARY AID TO ROK. STRESS ALSO HAS BEEN PLACED ON GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS OF TALKS AS OPPOSED TO MORE PURELY BILATERAL NATURE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

3. ONLY PUBLIC FIGURES OR POLITICAL SPOKESMEN WHO HAVE COMMENTED ON SUMMIT SO FAR ARE JSP AND JCP OFFICIALS WHO SERVED UP PRO FORMA DENUNCIATIONS. ON JULY 27, JSP INTERNATIONAL BUREAU CHIEF KAWASAKI LODGED TANGENTIAL CRITICISM TO EFFECT THAT TANAKA DEPARTURE WHILE DIET IN QTE STATE OF CONFUSION UNQTE IS EVIDENCE OF LDP IRRESPONSIBILITY. ON JULY 28, JCP FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UEDA DECLARED SUMMIT WAS INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN US-JAPAN MILITARY ALLIANCE AND RECONFIRMED JCP OPPOSITION TO EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN EMPEROR AND PRESIDENT.
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